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from Bernice



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Friday Morning

Dear Christine,

Mother was mighty glad to get your letter this morning. She was afraid that you were sick. We have been canning. I went out to Bessie Mariah's and we canned soup mixture which we think is very good.

Wayne Ineed came by last night. Mollie and I were out walking. It had been raining and we decided to put on raincoats and tramp down the road. Just as we had got back to town Ineed drove up. He stayed just a little while. Bob and Uncle Foss were over here. Uncle Foss fixed up some melon and served and Bob spilled it all in his lap. Uncle Foss said he liked Ineed lots. ^{Ineed} He took Mollie and me to Bruce and bought us a coke. When we

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got in Uncle Allen was here. He left early this morning to go to Columbus. He said they had brought Allen Jr. home from the hospital. He had an appendicitis operation. Johnnie came with him when they brought him from her home, where ~~there~~ he had the attack, to the hospital and stayed until he was able to be moved home.

Last Sat night the Girl Reserves had an ice cream supper on the Baptist Church lawn. A large crowd was there. Ruby Nell (accent on Ruby) was there having just returned from Fla. where she had a most delightful time. They made \$13.00 less about 200 expenses.

Friday night Bob took Martha, Helen, (who has been home on her vacation but who is going to return to the hospital today) and me to Banner to see Angelina and her Cowgirls (WREC Artists). Martha and I had to pay the

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way because Bob was broke and couldn't get up nerve to hurry from Dwight altho he did go so far as to go in the station where he was. (Dwight, by the way, has just returned from the coast where he has been for the past few days with his wife.)

After Angelinas program Bob went up and made arrangements for them to appear at the Pittsburg High School Wed. night sponsored by the W.M.S.

He decided to give the girls a chicken supper before the show and got people to give him the stuff to cook. Victor gave two

chickens, Delbert gave one, Elmer gave tomatoes and a chicken, Less Flanigan gave potatoes. Martha made potato salad.

Miss Etoyle gave pickles for it. Martha also made tea and cooked rice. Bob had it at Henry Harrelsons cafe. He wanted to have it at the school lunch room but Wyley Carter (our new trustee)

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wouldn't let him. Besides the girls and their manager, Rube Turnipseed, the guests included Uncle Foes, Martha, and me. I thought it was right funny for Bob to go out and gather up all those provincious. He also bought Ice Cream for dessert. The old girls didn't act like they appreciated the supper at all, which made us mad. They didn't have a very good crowd, which made them mad. After the show Leon showed up. It seems he knows some of the girls and when we left he was still with them. I think our share was \$6.00 and some odd cents but after the supper expenses there were only \$3.15 left. The M.M.S. had already spent the \$200 for a wreath for Mrs Clark's mother's funeral which was Tuesday. She died here of cancer of the stomach.

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The folks here made up money to help
Bro Clark pay hospital expenses for her etc.
They had \$500 in the W M S treasury (from
the Tommy Dentry program) and they took
that and the money they made up and it
amounted to \$40.00. They ^(the methodists here) told the Bruce
folks how bad the preacher needed the "hackberries"
but I don't know whether they got him up any or
not.

Aunt Ellie is in Berma now. She
came last week. She hasn't stayed with us
any yet. Dues she'll be here soon. Audie
and Joy brought her. Audie came over here
while they went on to Berma. He was telling
how James had a job at which he did as
much work as the men working on it. But
they paid the men more per hr. than the
boys. Audie said 'it just wasn't right to
make that differential'. Douglas has

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quit Eleanor and she is going to get a divorce. He got into some money trouble there and left and she refused to go with him. I guess when Aunt Ollie gets here we'll get all the details about it.

Monday Gladys Shannon Williams and her husband Bob spent the night here. She is Daddy's cousin from Houston, Texas. We liked them. Her husband is an Englishman. He is such a funny little man. He looks on life with wonder. He was so amusing to me. Just like something in the picture show. They went to Mr Shannon's the next day and on somewhere else. When they came through Jackson they tried to look up Aunt Susie and found out she was dead. The way they tried to find her was to go to the hospital where Allison was once kept, and ask. Gladys told

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the woman at the desk that she was trying to find a Doctor (she thought by Allison's being connected with the hospital he was an M.D) but she had forgotten his name. She asked the woman to call over the names of some of the doctors there as she felt sure she'd recognise his name if she heard it. The woman wouldn't fool with her much so she found another one there and told her she was looking for a doctor there or at least a man who was or had been supt. of the hospital and the woman found out it was Allison she was seeking.

Mother is sick today. She will write soon. She has just bought a bu. of peaches. I guess will can tomorrow.

Write soon.

Love
Dorice